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Inventors: Eric W. Leopold, et al.

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MODIFIER AND
REINFORCEMENT DEVICE AND
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and the procedure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant submits for the Examiner's consideration the attached PTO Form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. A copy of each of the listed references also is enclosed.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the cited documents were brought to the Applicant's attention in a Search Report for an International application pending under the Patent Cooperation Treaty which asserts priority to U.S. Serial No. 10/699,612 ("612

application"), which Search Report was communicated on January 10, 2005, not more than three months ago. A copy of the first page of the International Search Report is also enclosed.

The references cited on the Form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B may not constitute prior art to the subject matter of the invention claimed in the pending application. The documents therefore are disclosed here in an abundance of caution, in light of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

The Applicant respectfully petitions the Examiner to consider this Information Disclosure Statement. As the Applicant has not received a first Office action for the `612 application, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and it is believed that no fee is due. However, in the event that this paper should cross in the mail with a final Office action, the Applicant hereby requests the Office to consider the Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 1.97(c).

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